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Cover Photos, Clockwise:

■ Mopping up after a forest fire. DNR firefighters were among those that responded to wildfires that burned more than 227,000 acres in 2001. (DNR file image)

■ Preparing a timber sale. Timber sales are the largest single source of trust income on DNR-managed lands. (DNR file image)

■ Wheat field on state trust land. DNR leases agricultural lands for grazing and various crops, including grains, row crops, vineyards and orchards. (DNR file image)

■ Damage from the Nisqually earthquake. DNR geologists responded to the February 2001 event, helping to determine the cause, extent and risks associated with damage from the quake. (K. Wegman/DNR)

Above Photo:

■ Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA). Interpretive signs installed in 2001 will help visitors better understand this unique and protected site. (DNR file image)

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DNR has varied responsibilities

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages more than 5 million acres of forest, range, commercial, agricultural and aquatic lands. Most of these lands produce income to support state services and provide many other public benefits as well: outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and clean air and water.

DNR also regulates surface mining reclamation and forest debris burning, and administers Forest Practices rules on private and state-owned forests.

DNR provides technical assistance and education on forest stewardship, mining, geologic hazards, and rare plant species and ecosystems, and provides wildfire protection for 12 million acres of private and state-owned unimproved forests.

About this Report

DNR's annual report provides information required by the following statutes:

RCW 79.01.744

- Description of agency activity, fiscal and other.
- Timber harvest and forest management data.

RCW 76.12.110 and 79.64.030

- Accounting of land management payments made by one fund on behalf of the other.

Accounting is for Fiscal Year 2001
(July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001).